

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 23 January 2006, Applicant offers the following Amendment and Remarks. Reconsideration and reevaluation of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the latest Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 58 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by McCullough et al. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claim 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Additionally, the Examiner noted at page 3 that claims 1, 8, 11-17, 21, 24, 30, 32, 34, 37-41, 43, 44, 46-52, 55-57, and 60-64 are allowed. Applicant further notes that the Examiner, at page 3 of the Office Action stated that Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 41, and 52 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Further, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 41, and 52 have been withdrawn.

Accordingly, the remaining claims in this application are in a position for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further outstanding issues or questions, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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